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SUBJECT: SPANISH REQUEST FOR CONTINGENCY ASSISTANCE  
IN YEMEN

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL (EQUIVALENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE) FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS (DURAN) HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE DCM RELAYING THE CONCERNS OF TWO SPANISH FIRMS (OLABARRIA HERMANOS AND ECHEVARRIA S.A.) BUILDING HOUSES IN YEMEN OVER THE DIFFICULTY THE GOS WOULD HAVE IN PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THE 24 SPANISH EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRMS IN THE EVENT OF PUBLIC ORDER DISTURBANCES, SINCE SPAIN HAS NO RESIDENT MISSION IN SAN'A (THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN JIDDA HAS JURISDICTION). THEY KNOW OF NO PARTICULAR THREAT, DURAN EXPLAINED ORALLY TO THE DCM, BUT THEIR BUSINESS PEOPLE ARE UNEASY. THE LETTER STATES THEY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF IN SUCH AN EVENT THE US EMBASSY IN SAN'A COULD LEND ASSISTANCE TO THE SPANIARDS AND, IF NECESSARY, EVACUATE THEM, "FOR THE COSTS OF WHICH, NATURALLY, THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PROPERLY COMPENSATED".

2. TO THIS LETTER, WHICH DURAN CHARACTERIZED AS INFORMAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A REPLY, ALSO INFORMAL, NOTING THAT PARTICULARLY AS SPAIN HAS DIPLOMATIC  
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RELATIONS WITH YEMEN WE COULD UNDERTAKE NO FORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES OR COMMITMENTS, BUT THAT IN THE EVENT OF SOME EMERGENCY, NOW UNFORESEEN, THE US EMBASSY IN SAN'A WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SUCH  
-- ASSISTANCE AS MIGHT APPEAR REQUIRED AND  
PRACTICABLE. PLEASE ADVISE. STABLER

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